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## DECLARATION OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR INVENTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (M.P.E.P. § 708.02 V)

I, Anton Hopen, am the attorney of record for the above-entitled application; and I hereby state the following:

This invention materially enhances the quality of the environment of mankind by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining natural elements, i.e., air, water, and soil.

Applicant's present invention relates to an improved method for the treatment of domestic wastewater. By replacing the use of traditional septic tanks, the present method provides and conserves reusable water for non-potable purposes. Furthermore, any facility that producing domestic wastewater may apply this method. Consequently, the present invention is not limited for use in residential homes. For instance, this invention is equally applicable in boats, recreational vehicles, hotels, resorts, apartment complexes, and the like.

As the above-entitled invention provides a significant contribution to materially enhancing the quality of the environment of mankind within the provisions of Section 702.02 V of the Manual

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of Patent Examining Procedure. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above-entitled patent application be assigned "Special Status" and taken out of turn on an expedited basis.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Very respectfully,

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